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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 09/761,596 Confirmation No.: 5810
Inventor : Klaus Schulz et al.
Filed : January 16, 2001
Title : Housing for Accepting a Component Which can be Connected to the Housing in a Pluggable Manner
TC/A.U. : 2841
Examiner : Phuong T. Vu
Customer No.: 24131

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TERM FOR REPLYING
TO OFFICE ACTION, DATED OCTOBER 24, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submitted a *Notice of Appeal* on February 24, 2004. However, the mailing certificate was inadvertently not signed. Therefore, applicants herewith petition for an extension of time for responding to said Office action. The extension fee for response within a period of two (2) months pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$310.00 (\$110.00 paid on February 24, 2004) in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

Respectfully submitted,

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